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Serial No:

09/649,254

Art Unit:

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Filing Date:

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING DATA FROM A

DATA SOURCE TO A DATA CONSUMER, AND FOR RENDERING DATA FROM A DATA PROVIDER TO AN INTERFACE

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2004

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a one-month extension of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No.50-1063 09649254 [MSFTP117US].

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III. CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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